

Service Name	Elder Abuse Prevention and Intervention
Service Number	C-15
Service Category	Community
Service Target Populations	The activities in this service are designed to ultimately impact the lives of potential victims of elder abuse, including seniors and others who may vulnerable to becoming a victim. To accomplish this, elder abuse prevention and intervention services are targeted to professionals, community organizations, family members, seniors and other vulnerable adults, and the general public.
Service Definition	<p>Develop, enhance, or implement programs that prevent elder abuse and/or appropriately intervene in elder abuse cases.</p> <p>“Elder Abuse” is an encompassing term that includes financial exploitation; physical, mental, or sexual abuse; neglect by a caregiver or oneself in meeting the basic needs. For purposes of this standard, it also includes mistreatment that does not rise to the level of criminal but is still harmful.</p>
Allowable Service Components	<p>Design, enhance, support, implement, or participate in</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research efforts in appropriate areas, such as to increase the understanding of elder abuse, current needs, systems needed, impact of services, etc. 2. New or existing systems that facilitate the sharing of information and resources, the coordination of services, the measuring of the problem, the determining of the impact of services, and other related systems that address elder abuse. 3. State or local collaborative networks that determine ways to better address elder abuse at the state and local level. 4. Training and presentations that enhance knowledge on elder abuse prevention and intervention for the target population. 5. Efforts to use best practices in the coordination of services, the provision of services by multiple disciplines, and the sharing information. 6. Efforts to educate the target populations on elder abuse, how to identify it, report it, and appropriately intervene in situations of suspected elder abuse. 7. Other coordinated, innovative projects that work to address the needs of persons who may be victims of elder abuse.

Additional Guidance:

1. The problem of elder abuse crosses all professions and disciplines. Activities under this service must be sure, when appropriate, to include and coordinate with other programs like DHS, APS, law enforcement, health care professionals, community mental health, community organizations, private citizens, etc.

2. There are many great efforts underway to try and address the problem of elder abuse. All activities under this service should make sure to avoid duplication of efforts and coordination with other efforts when appropriate.
3. It is the goal of these activities to remove any barriers to make certain that the vulnerable adult is connected to all needed services, regardless of who they first contact; does not have to provide the same information repeatedly when accessing multiple services; and is empowered and supported, to the extent possible, to make decisions about their care and situation.